

AF Outstanding Unit - 2000, 1985, 1979



THE COYOTE LOG

July 2002

There's a New Sheriff in Town

On May 31, 2002 the Adjutant General of Kansas, Major General Greg Gardner, made the announcement that a change of Wing Commander's at the 190th would officially occur during the July UTA. The Change of Command will occur at 1500 hours on Sunday the 14th of July. All members are encouraged to attend.

The outgoing Wing Commander, Colonel Rufus L. Forrest Jr., will become the Special Assistant to the Adjutant General. During the announcement MG Gardner explained that Colonel Forrest's main focus in his new position will be on the future mission of the 190th. Col Forrest leaves after providing more than 3 years as the senior leader for the Wing.

Through Col Forrest's leadership the 190th has gained recognition both nationally and throughout the local community. From being named the Air Force "Reserve Unit of the Year" to the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce "Firm of the Year," the unit has enjoyed a tremendous amount of notoriety during his term as commander.

Incoming Wing Commander, Colonel Michael J. O'Toole is determined to maintain the high level of excellence the wing has achieved under Col Forrest. As he stated during the announcement of the Change of Command, the only changes to come will be a change in leadership style and personality. Col O'Toole brings a wealth of command experience to the table. Having been a member of the wing for many years, he will be the driving force for the future.



*Colonel Mike O'Toole (left) and Colonel Rufus Forrest Jr. congratulate each other on their new job selections for the Kansas Air National Guard.
Photo by Master Sergeant Shawn Gamber*

Commander's Comments



Colonel Michael J. O'Toole
Wing Commander

I've been reflecting on the changes to the 190th over the last 30 years or so, trying to identify the successes and failures that have contributed to what we see today. Since we moved from Hutch, the Coyotes have changed missions, major commands, and Aircraft. We've weathered Reorganizations within the Air Force and the Air Guard, the "Quality Journey", downsizing, and even the end of the Cold War. Many challenges placed before us have been totally out of our control, but for the most part, we have

in one way or another, had control of our own destiny. We are what we have made ourselves. Looking back, I realize that most of the surprises could have been predicted. The turmoil these surprises brought could have been better handled by an organization prepared to meet surprise as an opportunity brought about by change.

The comfort we enjoy in what we do everyday, is a factor of us being in the "groove" of this tanker business we've been in since 1978. Who could better employ an air refueling operation anywhere in the world than the Kansas Coyotes? We have become so comfortable in our "groove" for so long, we don't recognize our situation as an ever widening "rut."

In today's competitive reality, if we let ourselves become a "cookie cutter" Guard Tanker unit, we dilute our unique talents, values, experience and pride. We have worked hard over the years to show that we can maintain a truly world class tanker unit with literally some of the oldest and most neglected iron in the inventory. We met our challenges with that characteristic 190th determination. There was no other choice. We have become the standard of excellence in our profession, with under funded

budgets; deep cuts to our manning, and sub-standard equipment that the active duty Air Force would choose to retire.

Over the next few years, the Tanker business will change, and we must be prepared to seize opportunity and manage the change that will surely come. We must be postured to use our talents to take the initiative and embrace the challenges that come with change. I can bet the farm on one thing as I face the challenge ahead as your new Wing Commander ...change is coming! We can't stop it, we can't hide from it and we won't get a lot of warning before it's here.

Regardless of what the rumor mill may be saying, we don't have a different mission looming or new aircraft "on final approach." We do have, here and now, E and D model tankers filling a vital role in our Nations defense. These aircraft are operated, maintained and supported by one of the most talented and motivated groups of people I have ever known. This is our focus and we will lead the way with our mission until it changes. There are certainly more exciting times ahead for the Coyotes. Thank you in advance for your trust and dedication as we face the future together.



Coyote Log Staff

Col. Michael J. O'Toole
Commander, 190th Air Refueling Wing
Maj. Rick Jellison
Community Manager / Associate Editor
Tech Sgt. Greg Burnetta
Public Affairs NCO
190th Multimedia Support Center

190th Public Affairs/Coyote Log
Forbes Field (ANG)
5920 SE Coyote Drive
Topeka, KS 66619-5370

POC: Maj. Rick Jellison
rick.jellison@kstope.ang.af.mil
(785)861-4593

<http://www.ksfoe.ang.af.mil>
The *Coyote Log*, published monthly, is a US Air Force funded newspaper for members of the US Military Services. Contents of the *Coyote Log* are not necessarily the official view of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force.

The editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the 190th ARW Public Affairs Office.

The Promotion of Three Colonels



Col Deborah Rose

This past UTA the 190th had a first in it's history. Three Coyotes were promoted to Colonel at the same time. Lieutenant Colonels Deborah Rose (SptGp), Gregg Burden (LG), and Dennis Lawlor (SG) were all sworn in by the Adjutant General of Kansas, Major General Greg Gardner during the June 1st promotion ceremony. Congratulations to all three Colonels and their families on this accomplishment.



Col Gregg Burden



Col Dennis Lawlor



Photos by SRA Mandy Johnson

Nose Art for 58-0013



by Major J. Eric Kerns

Nose art is alive and well here at the 190th Air Refueling Wing (ARW). Many a person from all over the world has stopped and took notice of the beautiful artwork painted on the nose of our aircraft. Nose art is a long-standing tradition dating back to some of the first aircraft ever flown into combat. As an aircrew member it feels good to fly aircraft with so many nicknames, awesome paintings and the history that goes behind them. But for the Crew Chiefs it's so much more personal. It helps provide a sense of pride and ownership that goes far beyond maintaining that aircraft. If you've ever had the opportunity to step on board anyone else's aircraft you'll know exactly what I mean. That sense of ownership shows in the cleanliness and detailing of each jet, all the little things that go above and beyond just keeping her flying. The nose art reflects the personality of the aircraft and her crew chiefs.

It has been a tradition that the crew chiefs design and get approval for the nose art that goes on their jet. We're going to make a one-time exception at the 190th ARW. If you haven't notice, we have a temporary addition to our fleet of aircraft on the ramp, aircraft 58-0013. We

will own the aircraft for a year before it is transferred to NASA. This aircraft was owned by the Washington Air National Guard during Desert Storm and flown by Kansas crewmembers. It's the same aircraft that on the night of February 6, 1991, lost two engines on the left side and was safely recovered by some of our aircrew, Maj Kevin Sweeney, Capt Jay Selanders, Capt Greg Mermis and then SMSgt Steve Stucky. A Reader's Digest article detailing the event can be reviewed on the 190th's Intranet.



The crew chiefs of 56-3658 "Liberty's Guardian," MSgt Mike Coffin, TSgt Troy Abel, SrA Glen Kanagy, A1C Thayne Heusi, SrA Brenda Wockenfuss and SSgt Andrew Paterson have been crewing 58-0013 while they are waiting for their jet to return from depot maintenance. Because it is a temporary addition and due to the



unique history of aircraft 58-0013 they have agreed to accept nose art inputs from the entire 190th ARW. A contest if you will. The prize being that your design is a part of that aircraft and will be seen around the world. The crew chiefs will make the selection. Because of the loss of two engines on one side they are hoping for some unique inputs from around the base signifying the unique history it has with the 190th ARW.

Please submit all inputs to Major Eric Kerns, Dsn 720-4520 Comm. (785) 861-4520 e-mail: john.kerns@kstopeng.af.mil by the August UTA.



THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

by SSgt Martha Ryan

How do you want to spend your retirement? Some of the most common ideas that I have heard include working as a Wal-Mart greeter, Chuck E. Cheese mascot or even better, Commissary bagger. What about taking a nice vacation or just simply doing nothing at all? For most of us, personal leisure upon retirement may not be an option. Many of us will depend on part-time jobs or supplemental income if we don't plan for it now.

On October 30, 2000 former President Clinton signed a law that provided the U.S. Armed Forces a means to supplement retirement.

Originally opened to Federal Civilian Employees only, the Thrift Savings Plan (UNISERV TSP) is now offered to ALL members and branches of the Armed Forces. This includes Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Guard/Reservists who are active duty or in Guard/Reserve status (traditional members).

The TSP is a *defined contribution* plan meaning the retirement income that you receive from your TSP account will depend on how much you have contributed to your account during your working years and the earnings on those contributions. Currently, military members may contribute a maximum of 7% from basic pay and up to 100%

of all incentive, bonus and special pay (provided at least 1% of basic pay is being contributed). Members also have the flexibility among the five funds offered by contributing to one, some or all five and can be divided any way the members choose to. The TSP also offers many benefits including the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer and can be compared to so-called "401 (k)" plans. Other benefits include transfers into the TSP from other qualified retirement plans, commonly referred to as "rollovers" and interfund transfers, to name a few. There are 2 open seasons annually allowing members to increase

or decrease contributions and provide electronic tools such as the Thriftline, E/MSS, and the TSP website (www.tsp.gov) that help account holders manage their investment(s) without paying costly annual fees that financial advisors charge.

If you are prudent, patient and interested in supplementing your retirement, please visit the TSP website or call 861-4790 and speak with SSgt Martha Ryan. You may not have to wear that silly "mouse" costume or ask if shoppers want "paper or plastic", after all!

Watch out for this Virus,,,Pass to everyone you know.

By SSgt Doug Hickman

Among the many e-mails we must sift through on any given UTA are the e-mails from our friends warning of dangerous viruses that has set out to destroy our computers. The letters sound authentic but are they? Probably not. These are called hoax viruses. There are, also, e-mails that are telling you how to make lots of money or how to help a poor little girl dying of cancer. These e-mails

play on our greed or our human compassion to help others. E-mails of this type are called chain mail or spam mail. Both have one thing in common. Their goal is to spread themselves (with our help, of course) to as many different computers as they can.

Virus hoaxes tend to have two factors that make them sound credible: (1) they use technical sounding jargon and (2) credibility by association. Virus hoaxes make statements like "delete serial co-processor buss transistor rendering the hard drive unformatable". The words sound important but mean nothing. The second factor is credibility by association. For example

"Microsoft and AOL just released" or "a good friend of mine at IBM". These are well known terms that we associate with technology. The last thing the e-mails will do is ask us to pass the message on to as many people as we can. This is the only way they can spread.



Chain letters work in a similar manner. They prey on the human desire to help the unfortunate or on human greed. Chain letters ask us to

do things like "Stand on your porch with a candle so a satellite can take a picture" or say "a millionaire will give one dollar to a little girl dying of cancer for each time the e-mail is forwarded". Again the e-mail may try and create credibility association by referring to large organizations names such as M&M, Disney, or Wal-Mart.

In the end these hoax e-mails are successful in doing a few things. They waste our time while we sift through them, take up valuable hard drive space on servers and desktops, clog network traffic and give some of us a big laugh at those individuals who forward the message to everyone they know.

If you have any questions, please, call the Information Assurance office at extension 4776.

The Last Round Dial

by Major Chris Stratmann

A milestone in the history of the 190th passed recently when on June 11th, the last 'round dial' KC-135 left Forbes and was delivered to Mojave, California for conversion to the new Pacer CRAG avionics package. The conversion upgrades the tanker's flight deck with new Multi-function Displays (MFDs) and a Flight Management System (FMS) that provides enhanced situational awareness and navigation capabilities.



The flight marked possibly the last KC-135 mission flown out of Forbes requiring a Navigator. The Pacer CRAG package eliminates the need for the crew position through the use of the FMS and an advanced Inertial Navigation and Global Positioning System (GPS). GPS uses a constellation of satellites orbiting the earth to accurately fix the aircraft's position. All traditional Guard Navigator positions will be eliminated by September of 2003. Many Navs have already found new positions in other areas or units.



Left to Right Boom Operator CMSgt Steve Stucky, Navigator Maj Chris Stratmann, Co-pilot Capt Steve Thomas and Acft Cmnldr Capt Chris Turner (photos by Maj Tony DeJesus)

Tail number 58-0013 departed without fanfare at approximately 1000 local time for the two hour flight to Mojave. The crew consisted of Capt Chris Turner, Capt Steve Thomas, Maj Chris Stratmann and CMSgt Steve Stucky. Although the 190th just took possession of aircraft 0013 in May of 2002 the aircraft is very familiar to Chief Stucky. He was flying aboard it during Desert Storm when two of its engines physically departed the wing after the airplane was caught in the wake turbulence of another tanker. CMSgt Stucky and the rest of that crew received the Air Medal for their professionalism in safely recovering the aircraft.

The Pacer CRAG conversion will take approximately ten weeks and the airplane should be ready to be delivered back to the 190th in late August of this year. While most of the unit's 'E' model aircraft are being sent to remote facilities for conversion, all four of the 'D' models are being converted right here at Forbes. A joint Raytheon/Rockwell Contract Field Team has been in place since November of 2000 converting 13 Air Force aircraft to-date.



Name: SrA Brian Williams

Organization: 190th Civil Engineering

Job Title: Electrical Power Production Specialist

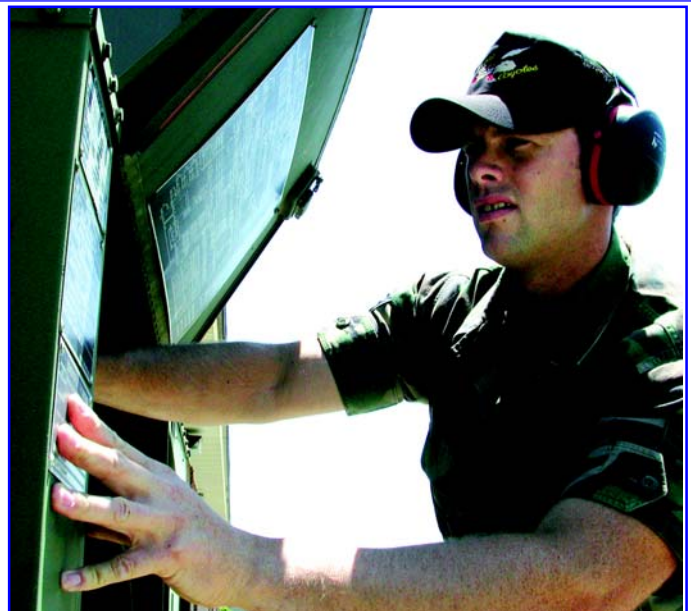
Civilian job: Employed by Bubec Power Systems in Lenexa, Generator Sales

Education: Enrolled in CCAF

Goals and Ambitions: Would like to enter into the Computer Generated Imaging field.

Hobbies and Activities: Xtreme Sports, snowboarding, downhill mountain bike riding, etc...

Most Memorable 190th Moments: Unit deployment to Norway this May 2002.





SRA

Tarah R. Kirksey, SVC
Christine E. Lahman, Maint
Dustin A. Nash, Maint
Joletta G. Powell, Med



SSGT

Jerrid L. Clark, Maint
Shawn W. Johnson, Maint
Victor W. Riggin, SFS



TSGT

Christopher S. Cummings, CP
Jennifer A. Hill, SVC
Scott A. Hummel, LGS
Deborah D. Miller, SVC



MSGT

Brian P. Marney, SVC



LT COL

Kyle B. Lewis, 117th



Hey Coyote Kids, lets go fishing!



When: July 20th, 2002

Where: Lake Shawnee shelter house #2

Start: 09:00 am

Finish: 11:00 am

At 11:00, we will check the stringers, pass out prizes, and enjoy BBQ, hamburgers and hotdogs.

There will be a boat and bank divisions, all local lake rules and permits apply.

To sign up contact:

CMSgt Ben Sisson	861-4236
SMSgt Ron Falk	861-4919
MSgt Larry Wallace	861-4610
MSgt Joe Ginzal	861-4964
TSgt Richard Prue	861-4620

Sponsored by Family **It's All**
Readiness and Team 190th. **Free..**

Career of the month *Personnel Specialist*

Aircraft Hydraulic Systems (Pneudraulics)

Aircraft mechanics in the military perform some or all of the following duties: service and repair helicopter, jet, and propeller aircraft engines; inspect and repair aircraft wings, fuselages (bodies), and tail assemblies; service and repair aircraft landing gear; and repair or replace starters, lights, batteries, wiring, and other electrical parts. Aircraft Pneudraulic

Specialists are responsible for troubleshooting, removing, repairing, overhauling, inspecting, and installing aircraft hydraulic systems and components, including support equipment.

School: Sheppard AFB, TX – 9 weeks
ASVAB: Mechanical - 51
AFSC: 2A6X5

Saturday July13

Main Line

Spaghetti
with Marinara
or Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Toasted Garlic Bread
Brownies

Short Order

Roast Turkey Sandwich
French Fries
Onion Rings
Assorted Drinks
Salad Bar
Soft Serve Ice Cream

Sunday July14

Main Line

Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Onions
Corn
Strawberry Jell-O Cake

Short Order

Ravioli with Meat or Marinara
Sauce
French Fries
Mozzarella Sticks
Assorted Drinks
Salad Bar
Soft Serve Ice Cream

Hotel for the Month of July

Ramada Inn Downtown
420 East 6th Street
Topeka, KS



All "State Tuition Assistance" forms are due back in the Retention Office NLT 15 July 2002. Also the one that states if you are on the Student Loan Repayment Bonus Program and you are within 60 days of your enlistment anniversary date to please come see the Retention Officer Manager for review of your records. Thank you.

MSgt Jean Robinson, KSANG Retention Office Manager, DSN 720-4712,
Comm 785-861-4712, Fax ext. 4491

Year of Diversity July 2002

by MSgt Phil Mahan, HRA

"Promote the Promise of Patriotism: Implement Diversity Education" is the National Guards' quote for July. Lt. General Davis still encourages us to reflect our communities with our makeup as a Wing.

The areas to speak about for July in the area of diversity relate to our sponsorship and mentoring programs. Each of us should help identify the leadership potential among our members, helping these young people recognize their strengths and improve upon their weaknesses as well as conducting a self-assessment of your own professional development.

I believe we have bright and motivated young members in the 190th. From all the meetings I have been to, they are focused on improvement not only of individuals but improvement of the entire Wing. I applaud them for their drive. But they cannot do it alone. They need seasoned folks to help them trek down the right path. That does not mean to tell them, "We've tried that, it'll never work," or similar types of comments that close off a person's desire to make improvements.

The middle and senior leadership at Forbes are key to developing our work force. Standards are high and you meet the challenge of Mission accomplishment while meeting or exceeding those high standards. Therefore, it is logical to pass on your wisdom to those starting out in their careers. It takes little time to instruct someone on the processes or procedures that exemplify the high standard marks within your work centers. Take time to "pass the torch."

For your own personal growth, take time annually, perhaps around a birthday or an anniversary. These yearly benchmarks can become a great opportunity to re-visit where you have been, where you are presently, and where you are headed; not only in your professional career, but your personal life as well. Set your sights on accomplishing your work goals with target dates in which you can check your own progress. Discuss your goals with someone. When you let someone else know of your plan, it becomes that much more important to achieve. Each drill, or for full-time members, monthly, ask yourself what else is there that you can work on to achieve your goals. While doing this you will continue to grow professionally, keep up with your training plan, and continue to exceed the standards.

**THE COYOTE LOG
190TH ARW PUBLIC AFFAIRS
FORBES FIELD (ANG)
5920 SE COYOTE DRIVE
TOPEKA, KS 66619-5370
OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

Learn more about us at
www.kstope.ang.af.mil.com



To The Coyote Family of



**PRESORTED
FIRST-CLASS
MAIL
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 903
Topeka, KS**